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SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : இந்த விஞ்ஞான பாடங்கள், சட்டப் பாடங்கள் எப்போதுமே தமிழில் போதிக்கப்பட மாட்டா என்று சர்க்கார் முடிவு எடுத்துவிட்டார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : முன்பு 'மெமோராண்ட'த்தில் என்ன சொல்லியிருக்கிறோமோ அதுதான் சர்க்காருடைய கொள்கையாக இருக்கிறது. 'டெக்னிகல் அண்ட் ஸைன்டிபிக் கோர்ஸை'ப் பொறுத்த வரையில், அகில இந்திய அடிப்படையில் மாறுதல் செய்வதுதான் உசிதம் என்று அப்பொழுது நான்கு, ஐந்து ஆண்டுகளுக்கு முன் நம்முடைய கொள்கையாகச் சொன்னோம். அதைத்தான் இப்பொழுது எல்லோரும் கொஞ்சம் வலியுறுத்திக்கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள். அந்தக் கொள்கை இன்னும் மாறவில்லை.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Arising from the answer given by the Hon. Minister, is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that Hindi has been tried in Uttar Pradesh in High Court and other Courts of the State and it has been found a failure and the legal practitioners there are now agitating to go back to the old system? Will that lesson be taken profitably in our State also?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : That is the difficulty of half-hearted measures without making full preparation. Therefore an attempt should be made first to develop the language by a gradual process and then we can bring about changes. Any hasty action will give rise to confusion. That is why we have evolved a policy of gradual evolution so far as Tamil language is concerned.

DEPUTY SPEAKER : Questions are over.

[Note.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II. GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS PRESERVATION OF PRIVATE FORESTS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1961.

*THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to introduce the Madras Preservation of Private Forests (Amendment) Bill[a] 1961, and move that the Bill be taken into consideration.

The Madras Preservation of Private Forests Act was enacted in the year 1946, with a view to prevent indiscriminate destruction of private forests (especially those in estates governed by the Madras Estates Land Act) and interference with customary and prescriptive rights therein. The Act, as it stands, now applies to forests situated in estates, as defined in the Madras Estates Land Act, 1908, and to private forests situated in other areas exceeding 30 acres, which may be declared by the State Government to be forests for the purposes of the Act. The Act provides that no owner of any private forest shall, without the previous sanction of the District Collector, sell, mortgage, lease or otherwise alienate the whole or any portion of the forest and that no owner of any forest and no person claiming under him whether by virtue of a contract, licence or any other transaction entered into before or after the commencement of the Madras Preservation of Private Forests Act, or any other person, shall without the previous permission of the District

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Collector cut trees or do any act likely to denude the forest or diminish its utility as a forest except the removal of dead or fallen trees or any act done for the usual or customary domestic purposes or for making agricultural implements.

The Act was originally enacted as a temporary measure for a period of two years with effect from 3rd December 1946 and it has since then been continued for one or two years at a time. It was proposed to embody the essential provisions of the Madras Preservation of Private Forests Act in the Madras Forests Act, 1882, by amending it. It was, however, later on decided that separate permanent and effective legislation should be undertaken in respect of private forests in this State. As a separate legislation regarding private forests did not materialise, when the Madras Preservation of Private Forests Act was due to expire last time, the life of the Act was extended up to and inclusive of 2nd December 1961.

The question of undertaking separate legislation regarding private forests is still under the consideration of the Government. It is not likely that this legislation will materialise before 2nd December 1961, the date on which the Madras Preservation of Private Forests Act is due to expire. The Government have, therefore, decided to extend the life of the original Act for a further period of two years beyond 2nd December 1961. The Bill accordingly provides for extension of life of the Act up to and inclusive of 2nd December 1963.

I request the House, Sir, to accept the motion.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: The question is—

"That the Madras Preservation of Private Forests (Amendment) Bill, 1961, be taken into consideration."

The motion was put and carried.

Clauses 2 and 1 and the Preamble were put and carried.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Sir, I move—

"That the Madras Preservation of Private Forests (Amendment) Bill, 1961, be passed."

DEPUTY SPEAKER: The question is—

"That the Madras Preservation of Private Forests (Amendment) Bill, 1961, be passed."

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed.

(2) THE MADRAS CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES BILL, 1961 (L.A. BILL NO. 22 OF 1961) AS AMENDED BY THE SELECT COMMITTEE—*cont.*

Clause 2.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: The question is—

"That clause 2 do stand part of the Bill."